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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Friday: For Kansas—Fair; warmer by Saturday; westerly winds, becoming variable.

A DIBBLE over the dead Indian Territory desperadoes and robbers, should be played on the loot.

The popularity of box car travel doesn't seem to have affected the quotations on Pullman stocks.

THE public is undecided whether to think Mark Twain's failure is really true or just another one of his jokes.

It is said that only one person in fifteen has perfect eyes. This explains why the world is so slow to appreciate merit.

If any more big scandal suits should arise, the newspapers would have to widen their columns so as to admit the broad jokes.

WHATEVER may be done in regard to the South Carolina liquor law a large number of the population will have their whisky still.

THE supreme court of South Carolina in putting a quietus on Tillman, seems to have wanted to help the Democratic party in stopping the wheels of the country.

It is evident that the czarowitch loves peace too much ever to make an acceptable ruler for Russia. He has said he doesn't want to become czar or get married.

NINE Yale students have been arrested for attending a prize fight, and warrants are out for twenty more. College authorities always were opposed to progress.

At a smoking contest in Berlin recently the winner smoked ten cigars in two hours and ten minutes, but he probably didn't smoke them as short as if he had bought them himself.

It would be an injustice to the previous history of United States marshals to suppose that they purposely ran on to the Dalton gang. They doubtless intended to be only "in hot pursuit."

WHAT the governor of South Carolina said to the governor of North Carolina when he heard of the supreme court's decision would be interesting to know though perhaps not quite proper for publication.

It is possible, by a recent invention, to take five different photographic views of a person at one sitting. After this invention has been improved some, we may be able to get a snap shot of the different attitudes of the Democratic party on the tariff.

COL. BRACKENRIDGE is not a Populist, but if there is a man on earth who is in a position to know or soon find out the meaning of the term "moral, social and financial ruin," he is the man. It lies with Kentucky to add to this "political" and prove her decency. Will she do it?

We are inclined to think that, with all their defects, the inhabitants of Kansas represent a class of people who are more to be depended upon than those who represent almost any other section.—Boston Herald.

So the hub condescendingly admits that we are pretty good fellows.

PEOPLE may be withholding their opinions as to the raison d'être of Coxey's army but they will all agree it is unfortunate in its friends. When the commonwealers hear that Senators Pepper and Allen have taken up their cause Carl Browne will have to issue several "gems" to cheer them up.

YANKEE thrift is always to the front. Inasmuch as Paul Revere didn't wake anyone on his famous midnight ride until he got to Medford, the second Paul Revere began at that place instead of Charleston. This resulted in a great saving of wear and tear on the horse's shoes.

THE supreme court of South Carolina has declared the dispensary liquor law unconstitutional, and Governor Tillman has suffered a defeat. He has this cheering consolation left, however. Hereafter it will not be such a long time before the two Carolinas now join hands across the bay.

TOO MUCH BRICK SIDEWALK.

It is high time that Sidewalk Inspector C. D. Brussman were called to a halt in his career of wholesale and indiscriminate condemnation of sidewalks. Since he was appointed to office only about a month ago he has served 575 notices to property owners condemning their sidewalks; and Street Commissioner Naylor expresses the belief that the total number this spring may exceed 800. Estimating that each notice applied to three lots, this is equivalent to 2,400 lots, 80,000 feet, or nearly 12 miles of sidewalk condemned. It will cost almost \$25,000 to do what Brussman has ordered done. This is nearly all of it to be laid of brick. In the suburbs where much of the condemned sidewalk is located, a "permanent" walk on a technical grade which is generally a few feet higher or lower than the sidewalk, is neither needed nor desired. It would appear therefore, that the brick manufacturers and brick contractors were the ones, and almost the sole ones that will be benefited by condemning a dozen or so miles of walk.

It is not the intention nor the disposition of the JOURNAL to injure or retard the legitimate business of the brick interests in Topeka. The industry is one thoroughly worthy of home patronage and protection. This paper thinks however, that the brick industry in Topeka is able to stand on its merits, without the aid of an over-zealous sidewalk inspector.

The city abounds with sidewalks which are located on a technical, imaginary grade rather than the grade of the street and property adjoining. They make first rate canals. There are also many brick walks in the suburbs, that receive comparatively no traffic, and the street commissioner cites one case where a brick walk two blocks long has been built to accommodate one family.

From the number and persistency of the complaints regarding Mr. Brussman's arbitrary rulings that are made to the street commissioner it would appear that many wooden walks are being condemned, that need only a few boards and nails to be put in good repair. This should be guarded against. The city should have no further interests in the sidewalk proposition than guarding the life and limb of the citizens, thus preventing damage suits against the city for injuries from defective walks. To do this it is not necessary to build miles and miles of walks in the suburbs, where wild flowers and corn grow, and chipmunks blink at the passing milk wagons. The city would show wisdom in exercising less zeal in repairing the sidewalks, and a little more pride in the care of the paved streets.

In order that the work which has been ordered may be done as cheaply as possible the old form of advertising for bids for "Shawnee county brick" should be amended to read "any brick as good as Shawnee county brick." It is claimed by those in a position to know that the Topeka brick companies have had local jobs entirely too much their own way. The Topeka industries should be able to compete with those of Leavenworth and other towns. Even then the local dealers would have the advantage of having no freight to pay. It is said that this would save a part of the \$25,000 necessary to carry out the improvements which Mr. Brussman has seen fit to order.

GRAND MASTER SARGENT of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, is going to make a mistake. He is going to take the Republican nomination for congress in the eighth Indiana district, if he can get it. It is highly complimentary to the Republican party that Mr. Sargent desires the nomination from that party, and it shows that his political intelligence is good; but the head of the firemen's brotherhood will find what so many have found before him, that the president of a labor organization can't accept a nomination for office from either party, without disrupting his organization. Naturally, all the Democrats among the brotherhood of firemen will be incensed that a man who is supported by them and elected by them to act as their agent in affairs pertaining to their business, shall use his office as a stepping stone to power in a party whose principles they do not endorse. Labor organizations may give their adhesion to a certain political party but their officers can not run for office without destroying the harmony that ought to exist in every association of the kind. Office seeking by heads of labor organizations has ruined many a one of them.

AWAY up north at Pittsburg yesterday two men were overcome by the heat, while in Topeka people shivered with the cold. Greenland may yet become a popular winter resort.

NEW TOPEKA CLUB HOUSE.

Architect Seymour Davis has completed the Plans For It.

State Architect Seymour Davis has prepared the preliminary plans for the proposed new building of the Topeka club. The present quarters of the club are entirely too small, and all the members are anxious to get into a more commodious building.

The building designed by Architect Davis will cost about \$15,000, and will be erected as soon as a suitable location can be secured. The basement will be fitted up with bowling alleys and bath rooms; the first floor will be used for reception rooms, the dining rooms will be on the second floor and the private rooms will be on the third floor.

If some one is not found who will erect the building and lease it to the club the members propose to organize a company within the membership of the club and put up the building.

THE STATE JOURNAL's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

TOOK THEIR MEDICINE.

Because Arthur and Sargent Said It Was the Best Thing to Do.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Through the firmness of Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Frank P. Sargent, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the general strike which was threatened on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad has been averted, and the inauguration of the new wage schedule today was not marked by a demonstration of any kind.

Although the new schedule is not satisfactory to the men, especially in the matter of compensation for over-time, it is the best that could be obtained from the officials of the road by Chiefs Arthur and Sargent, and in submitting it to the men they intimated that worse would be in store for them if it was not accepted.

The chiefs, moreover declared that they would not authorize a strike for the purpose of securing better terms, and as the men did not relish the idea of starting a movement that was not countenanced by their own leaders they decided to submit.

MET HIGH SEAS.

The Britannic Had to Carry the New York Pilot Clear Across.

QUEENSTOWN, April 20.—The White Star line steamer, Britannic, Capt. Smith, has arrived here after a very tempestuous voyage. She sailed from New York on April 11, during the heavy storm that prevailed on that day.

The sea was so high that the New York pilot was unable to leave the steamer at Sandy Hook light ship, as is the custom, and he crossed the Atlantic on her. During the entire voyage the Britannic encountered strong easterly gales and immense high seas, but fortunately she sustained no material damage.

A JENNY LIND TABLET

Unveiled in Westminster Abbey by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

LONDON, April 20.—Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein (Princess Helen) second daughter of Queen Victoria, unveiled a tablet in Westminster abbey today to the memory of Jenny Lind, who died on November 2, 1887, when 67 years of age.

The tablet was unveiled in the presence of the Princess Victoria, Prince Christian and others. The ceremony was prefaced by a short service of fine music. The Jenny Lind tablet is next to Thackeray's.

NEW PUBLIC PRINTER.

He Has Held the Office Before and Is Prominent in New York Politics.

One of the best positions in the gift of the president, viewed from the standpoint of patronage and profit, is that of public printer, to which Thomas E. Benedict of New York was recently appointed. There are over 2,000 employees connected with the office, which does not come within the purview of the civil service law, and THOMAS E. BENEDICT, although the salary is only \$4,500 a year there are supposed to be many commissions and rebates on the purchase of material, of which the incumbent may take advantage to the great augmentation of his income.

Mr. Benedict was public printer during President Cleveland's first administration and now succeeds F. W. Palmer, the man who five years ago succeeded him. In the interval he has been a deputy in the office of the New York secretary of state, from which he retired on the expiration of his term at the beginning of the year. He has been quite prominent in New York state politics and was an aspirant last fall for the Democratic nomination as secretary of state, but failed to secure it.

Warwick, Orange county, was Mr. Benedict's birthplace, and he was born in the year 1829. He received an academic education and taught school for awhile and then went to work as a bookkeeper in a railroad office. He had a taste for journalism and was a somewhat liberal contributor to the local papers even before he moved to Ulster county in 1863 and started the Ellenville Press, of which he made a very successful paper. His brother, G. H. Benedict, was interested with him in The Press, and in 1873 the firm purchased The Banner of Liberty, a weekly, whose circulation they managed to extend considerably.

In 1879 Mr. Benedict was elected a member of the legislature and was afterward re-elected for four successive terms. At the end of his legislative service he was appointed deputy state comptroller, which position he held when he was first made public printer. In Albany Mr. Benedict formed a friendship with Mr. Cleveland, then governor, which has been maintained ever since, and to which his appointment as public printer is said to be due.

In the early days of the republic the government printing was done by contract. In 1852 the office of superintendent of congressional printing was created. In 1876 the office was changed from congressional to public printer and the present system was organized. Mr. A. M. Clapp was the first public printer, and he was succeeded by John D. Defrees and Sterling P. Rounds.

Union Pacific Arrivals.

L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, Mich.; D. B. Fielder, St. Joe; W. E. Webberman, St. Joe; E. C. Arnold, city; S. H. Doyle, E. Topeka, Kas.; F. W. Hanson, Chicago; E. A. Mackey, St. Joe; R. Jones, St. Paul; I. A. Green, Denver; M. H. Sparrows, Chicago; W. G. Leffingwell, Kansas City; S. A. Patten, Silver Lake; O. B. Cunningham, Ft. Scott; Thos. G. Croft and wife, Galveston, Tex.

"Sand," the new book by Brigham is condemned by many on the score of its being too realistic. The reader will find however, to find any well grounded objections to it on this score. While it is vigorous and to the point, its subject matter is clean.

The Topeka Grocery Company are doing "THE BUSINESS" at 709 Kansas ave.

HAS CLIMBED THE LADDER

Governor Brown Has Prospered in Business and Politics.

D. Russell Brown, who has been elected governor of Rhode Island for a third term, is a native of the Wooden Nutmeg State, but has been in business in Providence for upward of 24 years. He is the senior partner and founder of the house of Brown Bros. & Co., the largest dealers in mill supplies in the United States, and being distinctively a man of the people may be considered a fair illustration of the sort of success that may be achieved in the business world by intelligent persistence on the part even of those who begin at the bottom of the ladder.

Governor Brown was born in Bolton, Conn., March 28, 1848. He was a farmer's boy and was educated in the district schools and in academies at Manchester and Hartford. After quitting school he secured employment in a hardware shop at Rockville and at the end of a couple of years was made head clerk and sales-



GOVERNOR BROWN.

man for a big Hartford firm, where he remained till 1870, when he went to Providence to take charge of the mill supply house of Cyrus White.

Within a few months Mr. Brown formed a partnership which bought Mr. White's business and carried it on for seven years under the firm name of Butler, Brown & Co. Upon the death of the senior partner, W. C. Butler, in 1877, Mr. Brown, in company with his brother, H. Martin Brown, and Charles H. Child, formed the present firm.

In 1874 Mr. Brown married Miss Isabel Barrows, and they have three children—one son and two daughters. Their home is one of the prettiest in Providence, according to the comprehensive idea of a lady scribbler, who says, "It is a very large house, fitted with statuary, bric-a-brac, bookcases, fireplaces and rugs." Mrs. Brown is an exceptionally well informed woman and is very active in charitable work, besides entertaining a great deal.

Governor Brown is deeply interested in the charitable, social and educational institutions of Rhode Island and is a member of almost every society in the state that has for its object the encouragement of any particular branch of art, science, literature, historical research or athletics, besides many Republican organizations and various Masonic societies.

POSTED ON RAILROADS.

James D. Yeomans' Qualifications For Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

James D. Yeomans of Sioux City, who succeeds Judge McMill on the interstate commerce commission, is a practical railroad man of many years' experience. He is a native of New York and was born in Cattaraugus county April 21, 1845. After getting a fair high school education he began active life in the railroad business at 17 years of age, first as an office boy and then as a brakeman on the New York and Erie railroad. He was rapidly advanced to the position of superintendent, serving some time in each of the subordinate grades.

During the war he ran trains for the government military operations in Georgia and other places in the south. After the war was over he became interested in the construction of the Buffalo, Philadelphia and New York railroad and afterward became superintendent of that road. In 1870 he became a member of the railroad contracting firm of



JAMES D. YEOMANS.

Cragie, Rafter & Yeomans of Buffalo, which built many lines of road in Michigan, the ore docks at Marquette and other important works in the northwest.

Five years ago Mr. Yeomans was prominently mentioned in connection with the office of superintendent of public works in New York, but he went to Sioux City to attend personally to his property interests before the appointment was made. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale near Sioux City ever since. Two years ago he was elected to the state senate, and during the last session he was chairman of the committee on railroads.

Commissioner Yeomans is a man of large physique and fine personal appearance and is very popular with his colleagues of all political parties. He has long been a personal and political friend of President Cleveland and Postmaster General Bissell.

STEVENSON & CO.,

717 and 719 Kansas Avenue.

What this Big Store will do for you Every Day This Week. What the Pennies, Nickles, Dimes, Shillings and Dollars will buy:

1c WILL BUY

Agents' P.K. 4-in-hand Tie
A Sheet Wadding.
A paper blue Steel Hairpins, worth 5c.
A card Harley's Darning Cotton, worth 3c.
A ladies' Linen Cape Collar, worth 15c.
A spool Filling Silk, worth 5c.
A plain black Lawn, worth 12½c.
A spool Embroidery Silk.

2c WILL BUY

A dozen Metal or Crochet Buttons, worth 15c to 35c.
A yard White Lace Insertion, worth 3c.
A children's Fancy Border Handkerchief.
A yard Machine Torchon Lace.
A yd. Herringbone Trimming.
A yd. nice Hamburg Edge.

3c WILL BUY

Gents' Turkey Red Handkerchief.
Fancy Col. Border Dolies.
Yard pretty Val Lace.
Yard fine Hamburg.
Yard narrow Ribbon.

4c WILL BUY

Ladies' Fancy Border Handkerchiefs.
Yard-Standard Print.
Yard 4-qrs. Brown Muslin.
Dress Braid.
Card Best Darning Cotton.

5c WILL BUY

Yard fine Challie.
Yard Linen Crash.
Gents' White Band Bow.
Gents' White Button Bow.
Pair gents' half fancy Hose.
Gents' White P. K. Tie.
½ doz. White String Ties.
Pair ladies' White Hose.
Doz. gents' Collar Buttons.
Pair gents' Drawer Supporters.
Child's Summer Vest.
Yard No. 7 black Satin Ribbon.
Package good Envelopes.
Box Black Pins, jet heads.
Fine Dressing Comb.
Circle Comb.
Pair ladies' Linen Cuffs.
Stick Pin.

6c WILL BUY

Yd. Amoskeag Apron Gingham.
Gents' Fancy Bor. Handk'f.
Ladies' Fancy Bor. Handk'f.
Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Vest.

7c WILL BUY

Pair Child's Brown Mixed Hose.
Pair Boy's Brown Mixed Hose.
Gents' Plain White Handkerchief.
Yard Barred India Linen, worth 8½c.
Gents' Fancy Border Handkerchief.

8c WILL BUY

Yard Amoskeag Dress Gingham.
Yard Printed Fongee, worth 12½c.
Gents' 4-ply Collar.
Gents' Plain White Handkerchiefs.
Pair ladies' Black Hose.

9c WILL BUY

Gents' Hemstitched Handkerchief.
Pair Gents' Heavy Cotton Socks.
Gents' plain White Handkerchief.
Child's Windsor Tie—Silk.
Dozen Gents' White Lawn Ties.
Gents' Initial Handkerchief.
Yard Plain 40-inch Victoria Lawn, worth 12½c.
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchief.

10c WILL BUY

Pair Children's Black Cotton Hose.
Pair Ladies' Black Cotton Hose.
Pair Ladies' Unbleached Hose.
Ladies' Silk Handkerchief.
Good Whisk Broom.
Good Tooth Brush.
Silver Hat Pin.
Yard Tinsel Dress Trimming, worth 20c, 40c and 80c.
Hamburg Edge, worth 14c, 15c and 16c.
Tinted Tidy, worth 15c, 25c and 35c.
Child's Stamped Bib.
Yard Jap Cheese Cloth.
Yard Colored Strip Linen Lawn.
Circle Comb.

12½c WILL BUY

A yard fine Zephyr Gingham, worth 15c.
A yd Irish Lawn, worth 15c.
A yard Printed Dimities, worth 15c.
A child's Stamped Bib.
A Rubber Dressing Comb—good.
A dozen White Lawn Ties.
A pair gent's Seamless Half Hose.
A pair ladies' Fast Black Hose.
A pair ladies' Unbleached Hose.
A children's Black Cotton Hose.
A ladies' Unbleached Ribbed Vest.
A child's Unbleached Ribbed Vests.
A gent's 4-ply Linen Collar.
A pair gent's 4-ply Cuffs.
A gent's White Band Bow.
A Circle Comb.
A pair Hose Supporters.
A dozen Nickel Safety Pins.
A pair Crown Spoon Corset Steels.

15c WILL BUY

Yard Fancy White and Black India Linen.
Yd. fancy Scotch Gingham.
Yd. Bordered Linen Lawn for Aprons.
Dozen Rubber Hair Pins.
Pair Hose Supporters.
Child's Stamped Bib.
Ladies' Silk Handkerchief.
Pair Berlin Gloves.
Pair gent's Fast Black Seamless Hose.
Ladies' all Linen White Handkerchiefs.
Gent's Silk Teck Tie.
Dozen gent's Plain White String Ties.
Dozen gent's Fancy White String Ties.
Pair ladies' Black Seamless Hose.
Gent's Fancy Band Bow.
Pair gent's Silk Armlets.
Pair gent's Cuff Holder.
Pr. gent's fancy striped hose.
Pair ladies' Seamless Stripe Hose.
Pair boys' Suspenders.
Pr. ladies' Seamless Black Hose.
Ladies Bleached Vest.
Ladies' Unbleached Vest.
Child's Ribbed Vests.
Towel 20x40, worth 25c.

25c WILL BUY

Hair Brush, worth 30c.
Dozen Rubber Hair Pins.
Pair of best Dress Shields in town.
Yard Mentone Suiting.
Yard Plain and Printed China Silk.
Yd. Unbleached Table linen.
Pr. misses' fine ribbed hose.
Pair Infant's Ribbed Hose.
Boy's Shirt Waist.
Pr. gent's French Tan hose.
Pr. gent's Balbriggan Hose.
Pr. Gent's h'f hose, 40 gauge.
Pr. gent's h'f hose, silk finish.
Pr. gent's 4-ply Linen Cuffs.
Pr. ladies' Silk Mitts.
Pair ladies' Lisle Thread Gloves.
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchief.
Ladies' Silk Handkerchief.
Ladies' All Linen Initial Handkerchief.
Boys' Windsor Tie.
Gents' Four-in-hand Silk Tie.
Gents' Silk Bow, fancy and black.
Pair gents' Suspenders.
Pair boys' Heavy Bicycle hose.
Pair boys' Knee Protectors.
Pair ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose.
Pair ladies' Fine Tan Cotton Hose.
Pair ladies' Fancy Cotton Hose.
Ladies' White Ribbed Vest.
Ladies' Unbleached Ribbed Vest.
Child's Long Sleeved Ribbed Vests.
Child's Seamless Waist.

48c WILL BUY

Yd. Bleached Table Linen.
Yard Unbleached Table Linen.
Yard Turkey Red Table Linen.
The best Summer Corset in town.

\$1.00 WILL BUY

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